GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:578
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DAKAR ACTION PLAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed the Dakar Action Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the Government has so far been able to achieve the goals of the plan to provide Education for All?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 578 FOR ANSWER ON 15.05.2007 ASKED BY SHRI KISHANBHAI V. PATEL and SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY? REGARDING DAKAR ACTION PLAN.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Education Forum adopted the Dakar Framework of Action, Education for All at a meeting in Dakar, Senegal on 26-28 April 2000. The Dakar Framework is a collective commitment to action for the achievement of Education for All. India is one of the 164 signatories to the Dakar Framework of Action. The Dakar Framework committed itself to the attainment of the following six goals of Education for All:

(i) Expanding and improving comprehensive early childhood care and education, especially for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children.

(ii) Ensuring that by 2015 all children, particularly girls, children in difficult circumstances and those belonging to ethnic minorities, have access to arid complete free and compulsory primary education of good quality.

(iii) Ensuring that the learning needs of all young people and adults are met through equitable access to appropriate learning and life skills programmes.

(iv) Achieving a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women, and equitable access to basic and continuing education for all adults.

(v) Eliminating gender disparities in primary and secondary education by 2005, and achieving gender equality in education by 2015, with a focus on ensuring girls` full and equal access to and achievement in basic education of good quality,

(vi) Improving all aspects of the quality of education, and ensuring excellence so that recognized and measurable learning outcomes are achieved by all, specially in literacy, numeracy and essential life skills.

(c) Progress of action taken to achieve the Education for All (EFA) goals is given tn Annexure-1.